



Nominations wanted for Outstanding Direct Service Professionals of the Year

The Alaska Alliance for Direct Service Careers is seeking nominations for outstanding direct service professionals.

Anyone can nominate a direct service professional, including supervisors, coworkers, family members, and especially care recipients!

Direct Service Professionals provide support to a wide range of individuals in a variety of settings including the individual's home, workplace, and community.

Positions include Counselors, Clinical Associates, Personal and Home Care Providers, Recreational Providers, Clinicians, Job Coaches, Residential Workers, Personal Support Workers, Early Intervention Associates — anyone who works directly with an individual needing support to become more self-sufficient.

Four winners, one from each service sector —developmental disabilities, senior services, alcohol and substance abuse, and mental health - will be announced at the **Full Lives Conference April 19 and 20, 2007** at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel.

Winners will each receive an all expense paid trip to an approved work-related conference of their choice, anywhere in the United States (prize not to exceed \$2,000).

Please submit a nomination form (see attached) by February 28, 2007 to:

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*****Nomination forms can be submitted via mail, hand delivered, or faxed. *****

Additional nomination forms are available on the Full Lives website at

www.alaskachd.org/fulllives

Or at the Alaska Alliance for Direct Service Careers website: www.aadsc.alaska.gov



The following are hints and tips for filling out the nomination form. These are not hard and fast rules! These suggestions, based on requests from the past, are simply given to make filling out the form easier.

Passion for work: Does the nominee talk about loving what he/she does? How does the nominee show dedication to her/his clients?

Respect for others and other cultures: Does the nominee treat people equally and with respect? Does the nominee show respect for family members, clients, and cultural traditions and values?

Dependability: Is the person timely? Is the nominee reliable?

Initiative/Flexibility on the Job: Is the nominee able to manage stress effectively and/or find ways to make difficult situations more manageable?

Positive attitude on the job and in the workplace: Does the nominee work to bring laughter, peace, or other positive traits to clients, coworkers, and/or to the organization as a whole?

Additional Comments: Tell us more about the nominee, some suggestions include: length of time on the job, educational advances made by individual (in support of direct service work), communication skills, compassion, or specific examples of expertise, caring, commitment, etc. Give examples of why you are nominating this person!

What field does the nominee work in? Select ONE field only. If the nominee works in more than one field and you want to nominate him/her in more than one field, then use separate form for each field.

Contact information: Please ensure the contact information for the nominee and supervisor is correct before sending in the nomination form.

Nominated by: Anyone can nominate a direct service professional!

References: please include the names, titles, and phone numbers of two references; the references should be current or former coworkers, supervisors, or other staff members that can vouch for the nominee's abilities on the job.



Alaska Alliance for Direct Service Careers
Nomination for
Outstanding Direct Service Professional Award
Presented at the annual Full Lives Conference

Name of Nominee: _____

Please describe how the nominee demonstrates the following direct service competencies:

Passion for the work

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Respect for others and other cultures

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Dependability

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Initiative/Flexibility on the job

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Positive Attitude on the job and in the workplace

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Additional Comments about nominee (please limit comments to two paragraphs).

Nominee's Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Years at organization: _____ Years working in direct service: _____

Nominated By: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Nominee's Supervisor: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please list two other work references for nominee:

Name/Title: _____ **Phone:** _____

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